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There are lots of good things happening at LURN! From a federal grant announcement to an exciting initiative for East Side Artists!

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Happy Friday!

I'm writing to give you some important updates from LURN and share some exciting news to close out our summer in a great place.

To continue our work, I'm happy to announce the following:

- **A Federal Grant!**

Just last week, LURN was officially approved to receive a federal grant from the USDA to support COMPRA Foods, our purchasing cooperative serving small grocers in low-income communities in partnership with the LA Food Policy Council. (COMPRA Foods = Community Markets Purchasing Real and Affordable Foods)

- **New Office!**

Many of you know this already, but LURN has officially moved into our new office at

[City Labs Boyle Heights](#), a mission-oriented co-working space. We're located at
553 S. Clarence St., Los Angeles CA 90033. We hope you can stop by and work with us soon.

- **We are launching AyE! Boyle Heights!**

Artistas y Empresarios! (AyE) Boyle Heights is a program inviting East side artists of all kinds to

be apart of a monthly

Street Tacos & Art Night at City Labs Boyle Heights!

This creative enterprise initiative will support important entrepreneurs in our neighborhoods: including artists and street vendors. Artists can host workshops to community members, and vend their artwork. Email Natalie at

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for more details!



The team has had a great year so far, and one of our best summers yet. We're making progress on legalizing street vending in Los Angeles as part of the

[LA Street Vendor Campaign](#), we're building our capacity to provide micro-loans to healthy food entrepreneurs, and we're expanding the work of COMPRA Foods.

But truly, we can't do it without you. If you can think of helpful resources to improve our programs, if you have the capacity to

[donate](#),

or if you want to tell your friends about us, please do so. :)

Thanks again!

Sincerely,

Rudy Espinoza
Executive Director

p.s. Wait, there's more! :D

- Check out photos from LURN's evening at

[Real Women Have Curves](#) at the Pasadena Playhouse last week!

- Register for this awesome symposium -

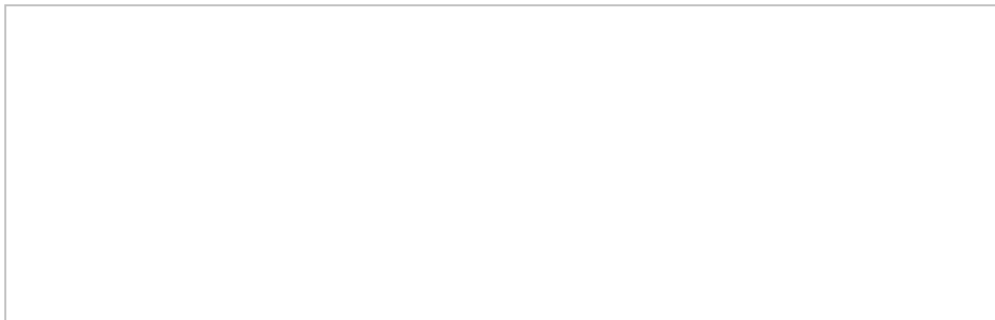
["Contesting the Streets"](#) - put on by the Spatial Analysis Lab at USC on October 2nd and October 3rd.

- Calling all Transportation folks! Ambulante California Film Festival is coming to a close. Be sure to check out the Swedish documentary **Bikes vs. Cars**, directed by Fredrik Gertten, during its California Premiere on Sunday, October 4 at the Bowtie Project. The film shows activists and thinkers who are fighting for better cities, and who refuse to stop riding despite the increasing number killed in traffic.

An organized bike ride is planned along with a panel discussing L.A. transportation;.

This makes us think of LA's

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